



ULM Foundation Scholarships

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Q: When do I start applying for Foundation Scholarships?

A: You should submit your general applications each year **between February 1 through February 28.**

Q: What is the minimum eligibility requirement for Foundation Scholarships?

A: To be eligible for a Foundation Scholarship, you must:

- Complete the award year ULM Scholarship Application
- Meet all requirements as set forth by the donor
- Complete a FASFA if the donor requires demonstration of financial need (*International Students do not need to complete this form*)
- Maintain a minimum **2.5 cumulative GPA each semester** unless otherwise designated by the donor
- Comply with [ULM's Code of Student Conduct](#)

Q: Who is eligible to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

- Current high school seniors who have been admitted to ULM for Fall 2022
- Currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students
- Incoming transfer students
- International and Out-of-State Students
- Traditional and non-traditional students
- Online Students

Q: Who is not eligible to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

- Students graduating from ULM in May 2022 (*Scholarships are awarded for the following Fall and Spring semesters*)
- Students who are not admitted to ULM

Q: What is the award amount for each Foundation Scholarship?

A: Foundation Scholarship awards vary depending on the terms of the scholarship agreement and current market conditions. Most awards range between \$200 and \$10,000, and funding availability is subject to change each year.

Q: Do you have to be admitted to ULM to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

A: Yes, you must be admitted and assigned a ULM username and CWID to get access to the application portal.

Q: Do I have to submit the General Application every year?

A: Yes, you must submit a new general application every year to be considered for scholarships. Prior applications are removed from the system at the end of each award cycle.

Q: When is the application deadline for Foundation Scholarships?

A: The application deadline for all Foundation scholarships is **February 28 at 11:59 pm CST**. Applications submitted before the deadline will be reviewed with equal merit regardless of the submitted date.

Q: Where can I find the criteria for all Foundation Scholarships?

A: Criteria for each scholarship can be found in two ways:

- Go to <https://ulm.academicworks.com/opportunities> . You can then view the criteria by simply clicking on the title of each scholarship. You **do not** need to log in.
- Log in with your ULM credentials. On the top of the page, click on the tab "Opportunities" and view the criteria for each scholarship currently available.

Q: What is the best way to search for Foundation Scholarships?

- Go to <https://ulm.academicworks.com/opportunities>
- Click on the "Show Filters" button to the far right of the "Search by Keyword" feature
- Click on the filter you want
- Click on "Filter Opportunities" to view all scholarships that match the scope or category selected

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Q: What are the types of Foundation Scholarships?

A: Based on students' general application and academic data pulled in from Banner, Academic Works can identify and match student applications two ways:

Auto-match:

- These scholarships are automatically matched to your general application and information pulled from Banner
- You do not need to take any further action other than complete the general application to qualify for these scholarships

Apply-to:

- To be considered for apply-to scholarships, you must answer the additional questions, submit an essay, or submit reference letters

- An apply-to scholarship will have an Apply button next to it in the scholarship listing
- When you click on Apply, you will see the questions you need to complete
- Once you complete them, save, and submit your answers

Q: Do I need to submit a FAFSA to apply for Foundation Scholarship?

A: A FAFSA is **not required** for a majority of Foundation Scholarships. However, this information is required for some need-based scholarships.

International students and certain non-citizens **do not** have to submit a FAFSA.

Q: Do my parents have to be alumni of ULM to apply for the Foundation Scholarships?

A: No, we accept applications regardless of your connections to ULM. All applications are reviewed with equal merit, regardless of an applicant's connection to ULM.

Q: Do I need to be a United States citizen to apply for Foundation Scholarships?

A: No, you **do not** need to be a United States citizen to apply for Foundation Scholarships. International students, as well as certain non-citizens, **are eligible** to apply.

Q: How do I apply for Foundation Scholarships?

- To apply, you must have a Campus-Wide ID (*CWID*) and email address assigned by ULM
- Go to https://ulm.academicworks.com/users/sign_in
- Log in using your Warhawk username and password (ex. **abc@warhawks.ulm.edu**)
- Once you log in, complete the general application
- The general application asks basic questions regarding your personal information and extra-curricular activities
- Once you complete all required questions, click "Finish and Continue"
- It would be best if you answered all questions marked with an asterisk

Q: What happens after I complete my General Application?

- Your complete submitted General Application profile and your academic record imported from Banner (*ULM's student database system*) automatically apply you to any auto-match scholarships you are eligible for
- If you would like to be considered for scholarships that require additional work outside of the General Application submission, review "Recommended Opportunities" and click "Apply" next to opportunities
- Read the posted criteria carefully and only apply to scholarships you are eligible for
- You must apply to each scholarship you wish to be considered individually
- Please note that some scholarships require additional questions; you have not applied until clicking apply next to an opportunity

Q: Why can't I see any auto-match scholarships in my Academic Works portal?

A: Auto-matched scholarships are not viewable in students' Academic Works portal because no further action is required.

Q: Where is the information imported from Banner located?

A: The **Applicant Record** tab contains all other information imported from Banner (the university's student information system), including your current term GPA, overall GPA, major, hours completed, hours enrolled.

Q: Can I only apply for scholarships that are recommended to me?

A: No, the system will suggest scholarships based on your general application, but it does not match your qualifications 100%. You must browse all scholarships to identify and apply to scholarships you may be qualified. If you rely solely on recommendations, you will miss other opportunities that you may qualify to apply.

Q: Can I apply for more than one Foundation scholarship?

A: Yes. You can apply for as many scholarships for which you are eligible. However, please read the eligibility requirements of each scholarship carefully before applying.

Q: How do I know that I have completed my application and ULM received it?

- Once you have successfully applied for an opportunity, click on **"Applications"** on the left-hand side of the page. You should see **"Complete"** under General Applications.
- You will receive an email from the ULM Scholarships Office 'scholarships@ulm.edu' that says 'ULM Scholarship Application Submission Confirmation.'
- Individual scholarships you have successfully applied for will be visible under **the "Active"** section. You will see **"Application Submitted for Review"** in the upper right-hand corner of the box.

Q: Do I have a better chance if I submit my application early?

A: No, our scholarships are based on various requirements, but they are not first-come, first-serve, so please take your time filling out the application. It is more important that you provide the correct information and submit it before the deadline than to be the first application submitted.

Q: What are my chances of receiving Foundation Scholarships?

A: You may receive a scholarship depending on several factors, including the number of students eligible for the scholarships and the number of scholarships to be awarded.

Q: I do not have the best grades. Can I still be considered for a Foundation Scholarship?

A: Yes. Some of the scholarships consider grades. However, other scholarships emphasize alternate performance areas such as leadership, community service, and other extra-curricular activities. Good grades are not always the only requirement for scholarship awards.

Q: What if I start my general application and cannot finish it in one sitting?

A: You can save your responses (or even submit them) and return them whenever you are ready to complete but before the deadline, i.e., **February 28 at 11:59 pm CST**.

Q: I made a mistake on my submitted application. Can I make changes to it?

A: You may go back and change, correct, and update your General Application and Apply-to Applications until the deadline date.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

Q: How will my application be evaluated? Are scholarships awarded based on merit or financial need?

- The scholarship committee makes award selections based on various criteria, including but not limited to academic performance, leadership potential, work experience, and commitment to school and community, as well as financial need and any other donor-specific requirements
- Scholarships each have defined criteria and priorities. Some scholarships are merit-based, some are based on financial need, and some are a combination of both

Q: If I qualify for a Foundation Scholarship, will I automatically receive the scholarship?

A: No. The scholarship committees throughout the university will review applicants who meet the criteria (*qualifications*) and award the most qualified applicant(s) based on the criteria listed for each scholarship.

NOTIFICATION AND AWARDS:

Q: When will I find out if I have been awarded a Foundation Scholarship? Will you let me know if I have not?

- You will receive an email from the ULM Scholarships Office 'scholarships@ulm.edu' in your Warhawk email account that says, "ULM Foundations Scholarships: Congratulations! You have been selected for the _____ award"
- You will have to accept the offer by clicking on the link provided in the email
- You will also have to complete the post-acceptance questions on your academic works account
- You can log in to your Foundation Scholarship account (https://ulm.academicworks.com/users/sign_in) to check on all the scholarships you applied for
- " Offered " status under the *Needs Attention* category indicates that you have been awarded a scholarship. It will ask you to accept the award
- "*Application Submitted for Review*" status under the *Current* category indicates that the scholarship is still under review
- A status of "*Not selected for this year*" under the *Current* category indicates that you were not selected for an award this award cycle
- We encourage you to check the website regularly for status updates between May and July

Q: What is needed for the post-acceptance process if I am awarded a Foundation Scholarship?

- Once you are selected for a Foundation Scholarship, you will receive an offer email in your Warhawk email
- You must accept the Foundation Scholarship offer and complete the post-acceptance questions following the specific directions indicated in the offer email
- The questions that you will need to complete are as follows:
 - A thank you statement
 - Biographical statement
 - Upload a photo of yourself

The Scholarship Office will check each completed question to make sure it is appropriate based on instructions provided to the student. It is important to note that award recipients' post-acceptance questions must be completed and approved by the Scholarship Office. Only then are scholarship funds paid out and are reflected on your bills.

Q: Is there a deadline for accepting a scholarship offer?

A: Yes. The scholarship offer will expire within two weeks of the email notification.

Q: Can the Foundation Scholarship funds be applied towards my summer or winter sessions?

A: No, award amounts are applied only to the Fall and Spring semesters.

Q: I am graduating after the fall semester; may I have the total amount of my scholarship in the fall?

A: No. Scholarship funds are disbursed across the academic year, with 50% of the award paid in the fall semester and 50% paid in the spring semester.

Q: What happens if I move or change schools after being awarded a Foundation Scholarship?

A: Recipients who have a school change should also notify the Scholarship Office of the change. All Foundation Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled at ULM and are non-transferrable.

Q: Why has my Foundation Scholarship not been posted to my Student Account?

A: Scholarships are processed and posted by the Scholarship Office in the order they are received. Depending on the volume of scholarships being processed, it may take a little while for the scholarship award to be processed and shown in your account.

It is important to note that award recipients' post-acceptance questions must be completed and approved by the Scholarship Office before scholarship funds are paid out and are reflected on your bills.

THANKING THE SCHOLARSHIP DONOR:

Q: How do I thank my scholarship donor (s)?

- You must accept the Foundation Scholarship offer and complete the post-acceptance questions following the specific directions indicated in the offer email. The questions that you will need to complete are as follows:
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 - Biographical statement
 - Upload a photo of yourself
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Q: Is it possible that I could lose my Foundation Scholarship?

A: If it is determined that you no longer meet the criteria (*qualifications*) of the Foundation Scholarship, your scholarship could be canceled. Below are some examples of factors that could affect a student's scholarship eligibility:

- Major change
- GPA falls below the minimum requirement of the scholarship
- Less than full-time status (*if the scholarship requires a student to be full-time*)
- Student conduct conviction
- Honor code violation
- Student withdrawal from the university

Q: Why was I not awarded a Foundation Scholarship?

A: Foundation Scholarships are very competitive as many students are applying, and the Scholarship Committee selects the most qualified applicants. We encourage you to apply every year.

RENEWAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

Q: What are renewable scholarships, and how do they work?

A: ULM has several renewable scholarships. This scholarship provides funding over multiple years if you maintain your eligibility (*donor criteria, GPA, enrollment status, degree program, etc.*). **You must reapply every year to be considered for renewal.** Please get in touch with the ULM Scholarships Office directly for more information about specific renewable scholarships.

Q: If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive an award for the following year?

A: No, scholarships are for one academic year, so you must apply each year. To be considered for renewal for an auto-matched scholarship, you must complete the general application each year. If the scholarship was an Apply To, you must complete the general application and **apply to the scholarship every year to be considered for renewal.**

Q: Is the renewal of the Foundation Scholarship that I received last year guaranteed?

A: No, the renewal of your scholarship depends upon different factors, such as the availability of funds. Most scholarships require students to reapply, continue to meet specific criteria (qualifications) and compete with the other students applying for the scholarship.

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:

Q: What system requirements are necessary to complete the general application on Academic Works?

- Academic Works supports only the current and the immediately previous major releases of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Apple Safari, and Microsoft Internet Explorer
- You may receive emails from Academic Works. Add "no-reply@academicworks.com" to spam filters or safe sender lists to ensure proper delivery

Q: What is my username?

A: Your username is the first part of your email address before the @ symbol. If your email address is 'user123@warhawks.ulm.edu', your username is 'user123'. If you do not know your email address, you may [use this online form](#) to search your username using your [CWID](#).

Q: What is my password?

A: Your default password is your birthdate, followed by a dash "-" and the last four digits of your [CWID](#). For example, if your birthday is 04-17-85 and the last four digits of your [CWID](#) is 1234, then your myULM default password will be 041785-1234. There are no spaces in the password. Here is an example of the format: MMDDYY-XXXX

- MMDDYY-XXXX
- MM=Birth month
- DD=Birthday
- YY=birth year

- = dash character
- XXXX = last four digits of CWID

Q: I cannot remember my password to access myULM, webmail, or Moodle.

A: Call the Helpdesk at **(318)342-3333**. Their hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 am 5:00 pm, and Friday, 7:30 am-11:30 am.